

AAEP News Bulletin: Spur of the Moment



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HIGHLIGHTS

Pre-purchase exam template now available

The AAEP Performance Horse Committee has developed a fillable Pre-Purchase Examination template to help veterinarians standardize documentation and streamline communication with clients during pre-purchase evaluations. This template is intended as a flexible resource—practitioners are encouraged to add their own practice logo and information and adapt it to fit the forms and processes they already rely on.

[View Resource](#)

Find internships that align with your career goals through the Internship Hub

Recent graduates and veterinary students: The AAEP Internship Hub's searchable database connects you with available equine internships and helps you evaluate the programs that best align with your individual interests and goals. If the AAEP can assist as you consider the many opportunities in equine practice, contact Shelby Mosley, AAEP student & early career programs coordinator, at smosley@aaep.org.

[Visit Internship Hub](#)



AAEP NEWS

More than a month: Turn awareness into action for suicide prevention

September is National Suicide Prevention Month—a moment that serves as a powerful reminder that there are steps we can all take in looking out for loved ones, colleagues and the people in our community. The AAEP Healthy Practice Committee shares the following resources for use in your practice and at home. Please remember: Help is available 24/7 by calling the 988 suicide and crisis prevention lifeline.

- [AAEP Healthy Practice Member Assistance Program](#) (free to members in U.S. & Canada)
- [AVMA QPR Suicide Prevention Training](#)
- [Compassion Fatigue Awareness Project](#)

Upcoming Webinars:

- September 24: [Virtual Wednesday Round Table: Practical Performance Horse Ethics: Guiding the Next Generation](#)
- October 8: [Virtual Wednesday Round Table: Adnexal Disease](#)
- October 22: [Virtual Wednesday Round Table: The Lens of Ethics](#)

Special thanks to our sponsor, American Regent Animal Health

Join colleagues for January's Resort Symposium in Puerto Rico

The AAEP's 27th Annual Resort Symposium will be held Jan. 19–21 at the luxurious Wyndham Grand Rio Mar Rainforest Beach & Golf Resort in the tropical oasis of Puerto Rico. Acquire 13.5 hours of RACE-accredited CE hours on the theme, “How to Advance Your Skills in the Field and Clinic.” Register for the meeting and reserve your room at the special AAEP rate now!

Special thanks to our sponsor, Zoetis.

Let's Go!

AAEP Annual Convention: Intern/Extern Career Night registration is OPEN!

70 practices will have the opportunity to showcase their internship programs to students at the Intern/Extern Career Night being held at the 2025 [AAEP Annual Convention](#), Dec.

6-10 in Denver. Reservations are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE and are not finalized until payment is received. It is recommended to complete the form AND submit the associated reservation fee at the same time to guarantee your reservation.

[Register Now](#)

Ethics: Equine welfare and the social license to operate

What is a veterinarian's contribution toward a social license to operate within equestrian sports? Can we aim toward a "social contract" of the sort that a horse would wish to write, if only they could? Read this article from the September issue of *Equine Veterinary Education* by Dr. Nancy Loving, a member of the AAEP's Professional Conduct and Ethics Committee.

[Read Article](#)

Foreign Veterinary Graduate (FVG) Scholarship program: Deadline Oct. 15

The Foundation for the Horse offers the FVG Scholarship program in support of the AAEP's strategic plan to support foreign veterinary graduates pursuing equine experience in the United States and The Foundation's mission impact of education. Foreign veterinary graduates face increased costs navigating the visa process and obtaining licensure through the ECFVG or PAVE programs. A maximum of three scholarships for \$2,500 each will be made available annually to qualified applicants who display a commitment to equine veterinary practice in the US.

[Learn More](#)

September issue of *Equine Veterinary Education* (EVE) is now available

The September issue of EVE is now available online. Among the cases, articles and clinical commentaries in this issue, you'll find:

- Fungal endometritis associated with embryonic loss in a maiden mare
- Paraneoplastic pruritus in a 7-year-old Slovak Warmblood with malignant round cell tumour
- Placement of custom-made full tracheal length stents in Miniature Horses for treatment of collapsing trachea

[Read EVE Online](#)

Let Ollie help you find the resources you need on aaep.org

The AAEP's new AI team member can help you quickly find the information you need about clinical topics and member benefits. Some of Ollie's assists in the last week included answering questions like, "What causes protein-losing enteropathy?", "How to ultrasound the meniscal tibial ligament" and "What internships are available?". Ollie has been trained only on AAEP content; be sure to log in when asking Ollie a question to receive full access to member-only resources!



Meet Ollie, AAEP's new
AI-powered search assistant!
Ollie is standing by and ready to assist
with personalized searches of AAEP
resources on aaep.org.



Ask Ollie

UPCOMING AAEP CE OPPORTUNITIES

Sept. 19-20

[ImagingXP FULL](#) — Waitlist Available

Ringoes, New Jersey

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Oct. 30-31

[ImagingXP FULL](#) — Waitlist Available

San Marcos, California

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Dec. 6-10

[71st AAEP Annual Convention](#) REGISTRATION OPEN

Denver, Colorado

Jan. 20-21

[27th Annual Resort Symposium](#) REGISTRATION OPEN

Puerto Rico

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CAREER CENTER

Find the perfect position or candidate in the [AAEP Career Center](#)

If you have questions about the Career Center or need assistance creating a job post, contact Megan Gray at mgray@aaep.org

FEATURED JOBS

[Sports Medicine Associate | Central Kentucky](#)

Lexington, KY

[Associate Veterinarian – Reproduction Focus | Central Kentucky](#)

Lexington, KY

[Associate Veterinarian Position | North & South Charlotte, NC Regions](#)

Troutman, NC

[Equine Internist](#)

Ringoes, NJ

Equine Sports Medicine Veterinarian

Afton, MN

[Visit Career Center](#)

AAEP STUDENT NEWS

Student chapters social media contest

Enter the AAEP social media video competition by sharing something fun, unique or inspiring about why you want to be an equine practitioner OR highlighting great aspects of being an equine practitioner.

Videos submissions may be between 60–90 seconds and can be filmed in group or individual formats. Each chapter may submit an unlimited number of entries. The deadline to enter is Oct. 3.

To enter and be considered by our panel of judges, each submission must do ALL of the following:

- Post your video on Instagram or Facebook
- Use the hashtag #SCAAEPsocial
- Tag AAEP (Instagram: @aaephorsedocs or Facebook: American Association of Equine Practitioners)
- Email your submission to gbarrier@aaep.org

Prizes:

💰 \$1,000 for the winning chapter! (The winning video will also be shown during the Opening Session at this year's convention in Denver!)

💰 \$500 for second place

💰 \$250 for third place

Have fun, get creative, and show us what makes being an equine practitioner special!

INDUSTRY NEWS

A xylazine win for Florida veterinarians

Florida's attorney general has initiated the process to provide a veterinary exemption to the state's xylazine scheduling.

>> Click [here](#) to read more

USDA announces plan to address rural, federal veterinary shortages

More funding, listening sessions, and better anticipating shortage areas are part of Rural Veterinary Action Plan.

>> Click [here](#) to read more

USEF releases horse welfare guidelines to support equine well-being

These guidelines will serve as a basis for improved physical and mental well-being of the equine partners we all love and respect.

>> Click [here](#) to read more.

How AI can boost productivity without replacing practice staff

When thoughtfully integrated, AI can streamline operations, reduce cognitive load, and improve client service, all while empowering veterinary teams to do more of what they do best: deliver compassionate, hands-on care.

>> Click [here](#) to read more

EQUINE DISEASE NEWS

Disease outbreak alerts were issued in the U.S. and Canada in the past two weeks for:

- Eastern Equine Encephalitis
- Equine Herpesvirus-Neurologic
- Equine Infectious Anemia
- Strangles
- West Nile Virus

Alerts, Locations and Resources

Current information on infectious diseases for horse owners, including factsheets, is available on the EDCC website at equinediseasecc.org/infectiousdiseases. The EDCC mobile app is also available for free for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

THE FOUNDATION FOR THE HORSE NEWS

Apply for graduate researcher awards by Oct. 15

The Foundation for the Horse, with support from AAEP Past Presidents and the EQUUS Foundation, recognizes the need to support research training of equine veterinary

researchers. Supplementing support for individuals in postgraduate and residency research training programs benefits this goal. This award is intended to encourage AAEP members in training programs to continue in equine research during their careers.

[Learn More](#)